# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# TOURISM AND CULTURE
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1860
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WINTER SPORTS COMPLEXES
JAGMEET SINGH BRAR

**Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether tourism during winter in Kashmir has not picked up due to terrorist activities;

(b) if so, whether the Government have drawn up any plans to set up winter sports complexes in other parts of the country to promote tourism;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

## Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a) As per the information received from the Government of Jammu and Kashmir, Winter tourism has appreciably picked up during the current winter season. The Indian Institute of Skiing and Mountaineering has restarted after a gap of about 13 years and two Ski Courses have been conducted by the Institute. The State Government has taken anumber of steps for attracting Winter Sports enthusiasts to Gulmarg.

(b), (c) and (d): Do not arise.